

USAID HIV/AIDS E-Newsletter

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This newsletter provides regular updates on the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of HIV/AIDS and partner activities to prevent and mitigate HIV/AIDS across the developing world. We encourage you to circulate this publication to colleagues.

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Bush Announces Plan to Fight AIDS in Africa

In the State of the Union address on January 28, 2003, President Bush announced the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a five-year, \$15 billion initiative to turn the tide in combating the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. This commitment of resources will help the most affected countries in Africa and the Caribbean wage and win the war against HIV/AIDS, extending and saving lives. For a webcast and transcript of the President's remarks, see: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/01/20030128-19.html>. For specifics about the initiative, go to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/01/20030129-1.html>.

Global Fund Approves \$866 Million to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria awarded \$866 million to countries around the world on January 31, 2003, to help treat diseases that kill 15,000 people daily. The grants to 60 countries will pay for AIDS drugs in developing nations and care for children orphaned by the disease. The money also will be used to boost prevention campaigns. The grants will be administered mostly by nongovernmental organizations and the private sector.

At the last day of its three-day meeting, the Global Fund's board elected U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson as its chair. The United States, in part through USAID, is the largest contributor to the Global Fund. For more information on the Global Fund and its new board chairman, visit: <http://www.globalfundatm.org/index.html>. For more information on the U.S. role in the Global Fund, see: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Funding/globalfund.html

USAID Assistant Administrator Discusses Agency's Global Agenda

Dr. E. Anne Peterson, who leads USAID's Bureau for Global Health, shares her thoughts on USAID's health agenda in this month's Global Health Council's magazine "Global HealthLink." To read the interview, go to: <http://www.globalhealth.org/reports/report.php3?id=77>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\$25 Million USAID Grant Helps Promote Healthier Russian Lifestyle

USAID/Russia recently awarded a group led by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs (CCP) a \$25-million grant to improve the health of Russians, a population with high rates of tuberculosis and a growing HIV/AIDS epidemic. CCP and its partners will help Russian institutions use communication programs to promote a healthier lifestyle for young Russians, reduce HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, control the spread of tuberculosis, and improve the health

of women and infants. To read more about the Healthy Russia 2020 project, go to:
<http://www.jhuccp.org/pressroom/2002/12-02.shtml>.

Former Zambian President in New AIDS Prevention Campaign

Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia, is featured in several public service announcements promoting HIV testing, condom use, and compassion for people with HIV/AIDS in Zambia. The television and radio campaign, developed by Population Services International and Family Health Services, was funded by USAID. To view the announcements, airing on Zambian television and radio since December 2002, go to: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?hint=1&DR_ID=15895.

USAID-Funded Project Earns Kudos in South Africa

South Africa's Impumelelo Innovations Award Trust, which recognizes projects using innovative means to make service improvements across various sectors, awarded the Zanempilo Project its prestigious award in 2002. Implemented by Management Sciences for Health through USAID's EQUITY Project, Zanempilo uses a motorbike to transport tuberculosis sputa in a rural region of the Eastern Cape, one of the country's poorest provinces. Various factors—poverty, HIV/AIDS, and lack of infrastructure—all contribute to South Africa's tuberculosis epidemic. This project is a model for how to overcome severe transport challenges contributing to low tuberculosis cure rates and a high rate of defaulters. To read the full Zanempilo success story, visit: <http://www.equityproject.co.za/StorieTBMotorbike.html>.

Internship Program Seeks Applicants

The YouthNet Program of Family Health International announces an 11-week internship program designed to give current or recent undergraduate university students from developing countries experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating youth reproductive health and HIV/AIDS programs. Six positions, based in the Washington, DC area, are available. The internship program will run from May 26 to August 8, 2003. Application deadline is March 1, 2003. For further information, visit:
<http://www.fhi.org/en/youth/youthnet/prog/internship.html>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop Set for May 29–June 28, 2003

USAID's MEASURE Evaluation Project is conducting a training in monitoring and evaluation for professionals in the Asia and Africa regions. The regional workshop "Evaluating the Impact of Reproductive Health Programs" will take place May 29–June 28, 2003, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The workshop is designed for mid-level health and population researchers, program managers and other professionals involved with the implementation and evaluation of reproductive health programs. For workshop information and application material, visit: http://www.eastwestcenter.org/events-ce-detail.asp?conf_ID=287.

Routine Health Information Network To Host Workshop in South Africa

The Routine Health Information Network will host a technical workshop on "Enhancing the Quality and Use of Health Information at the District Level," in Eastern Cape Province, South Africa, March 30–April 4, 2003. For more information, go to: <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/measure/rhino/safrica.html>.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

USAID Partners Publish Resource, Launch Website for Faith-Based Organizations

Family Health International/IMPACT, in collaboration with USAID, has produced an annotated bibliography of HIV/AIDS resources for faith-based organizations. It allows users to quickly identify tools such as assessment and planning guidelines, and it provides information on where or how to access copies. The bibliography is available at:

<http://www.fhi.org/en/aids/impact/impactpdfs/FBOAnnoBib.pdf>

The Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa has launched a website to raise awareness among church leaders regarding the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on parishioners, and to guide the Church's response. The USAID-funded POLICY Project—through the CORE Initiative—provided extensive technical assistance during the strategic planning process. Visit the new HIV/AIDS website at: <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/special/hivaids/index.htm>.

USAID HIV/AIDS Country Profiles Updated

The Synergy Project has recently completed updating “country profiles,” which describes USAID’s HIV/AIDS work in eight countries in Asia. In addition, an overview of the Mekong Regional program was updated. To access the profiles, see: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/index.html

“ABC” Meeting Report Available

A report on USAID’s “ABC” Technical Experts meeting, held in September 2002, will be available next week at: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/index.html. The report summarizes the presentations made at the day-long session.

New Guide Synthesizes Methods for Estimating Size of Populations at Risk for HIV

With support from USAID and in partnership with UNAIDS and others, Family Health International has published a guide to “Estimating the Size of Populations at Risk for HIV: Issues and Methods.” To see the PDF version, go to: <http://www.fhi.org/en/aids/impact/impactpdfs/popsizedcontent.pdf>.

Programs Help Youth Practice Healthier Behaviors

YouthNet’s Youth Issues Paper 1, "Intervention Strategies that Work for Youth—Summary of FOCUS on Young Adults End of Program Report," is now available. The paper reports on programs that have helped young people in developing countries practice healthier behaviors. For further information, visit: <http://www.fhi.org/en/youth/youthnet/pubs/youthpubs.html>.

Spotlight is on HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Kaisernetwork.org, a free service of the Kaiser Family Foundation, features up-to-date news and information about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States and throughout the world. The “HIV/AIDS Issue Spotlight” section of the website includes webcasts, links to recent and relevant reports, key data on the epidemic, and a country focus. To access, see: <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/spotlight/hivaids>.

POLICY Project Releases Two Reports

The Fourth Edition of “AIDS in Ethiopia” is an update of information available on the HIV/AIDS situation in Ethiopia. POLICY collaborated with Ethiopia’s Ministry of Health in the data collection, analysis, and presentation of the final report, now available at: <http://www.policyproject.com/abstract.cfm?ID=1210>.

“Resource Requirements for Cambodia’s 2001–2005 HIV/AIDS National Strategic Plan” outlines the costs associated with each strategic objective of the plan. It covers interventions related to prevention, treatment, mitigation, and capacity building, management, research, policy development, and surveillance. To view the report, see: <http://www.policyproject.com/abstract.cfm?ID=1181>.

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